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1. We should be interested in any further details concerning the so-called international Romanian organization comprised of former members of "Antonescu's Iron Guard" with central headquarters in New York, mentioned in paragraph 2 of referenced report. The term "Antonescu's Iron Guard" is somewhat of a misnomer, since Antonescu merely used the Iron Guard for his purposes but was not actually connected with it; in fact, it was Antonescu who caused their expulsion from the government in 1941 after their unsuccessful revolt against him. What is probably meant in this instance is the revived Iron Guard movement under the nominal leadership of Horia Iliescu, which has been carrying on clandestine activity in Europe and South America.
2. We are particularly interested in learning the identity of the wealthy Romanian woman allegedly "high up in the central organization in New York." There are, as you probably know, various refugee Romanian groups carrying on overt activities in the United States, but we have not been able to identify any exclusively or predominantly Iron Guard organization in this area.
3. Any further clues to the identity of the organization or of its members will be appreciated.

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